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COMPETITION WITH CHINA
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has been facing still competition from China in the export of both traditional and no-traditional items and China has virtually captured the export markets in the non-Communist countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof stating the areas in which Indian exports in facing severe competition from China and the extent to which India`s exports have dwindled as a result thereof;

(c) the major factors responsible therefor; and

(d) the steps contemplated by the Government to evolve a strategy to face the competition and to regain the lost export market?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) to (d) While India and China are competitors in several areas for export in the world market, it would not be correct to say that China has virtually captured the export markets in the non-communist countries. This is evidenced by the overall growth in India`s exports by 18.05 percent(April 02 to March 03). Growth in exports to major markets such as US, EU and China (April 02 - January 03) has been 29%, 15% and 96% respectively.